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House Bill 1030

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Composition and Salaries  
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This bill increases the annual salary for the Prince George's County State's Attorney from \$125,500 to \$150,000 effective at the beginning of the next term. The county executive and county council will determine the number of deputy and assistant State's Attorneys that can be appointed by the State's Attorney; and will set the maximum salaries for deputy State's Attorneys, assistant State's Attorneys, and the administrative assistant serving the State's Attorney.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County personnel expenditures would increase beginning in FY 2009 depending on the number of positions authorized by the county executive and county council. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Prince George's County, the State's Attorney may appoint two deputy State's Attorneys, 80 assistant State's Attorneys, and an administrative assistant. The salaries of these individuals are entirely within the discretion of the State's Attorney; however, they may not exceed a statutorily imposed limit of \$115,000 for deputy State's Attorneys, \$107,000 for assistant State's Attorneys, and \$64,000 for the administrative

assistant. The salaries for these individuals are paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and county council. The annual salary for the State's Attorney is \$125,500.

**Background:** The composition and salaries of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office was last changed by Chapter 77 of 2007. The Act increased the maximum number of assistant State's Attorneys from 73 to 80. In addition, it increased the maximum annual salary for a deputy State's Attorney (from \$108,000 to \$115,000), an assistant State's Attorney (from \$100,000 to \$107,000), and the administrative assistant (from \$59,000 to \$64,000).

Actual salaries for the State's Attorneys in surrounding jurisdictions for fiscal 2007 are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**State's Attorneys' Salaries in Selected Maryland Jurisdictions**  
**Fiscal 2007 Actuals**

<u>State's Attorney Salaries</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>
Anne Arundel County	\$130,691
Baltimore City	142,055
Baltimore County	185,025
Howard County	111,500
Montgomery County	149,215
Prince George's County	125,500

Source: Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, Fiscal 2007, Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland

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**Local Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County personnel expenditures would increase beginning in fiscal 2009 depending on the number of additional assistant and deputy State's Attorneys authorized by the county, the maximum salaries authorized by the county, and the actual salaries set by the State's Attorney.

Personnel expenditures for the State's Attorney would increase by at least \$15,092 in fiscal 2011 due to the increase of the State's Attorney salary from \$125,500 to \$150,000. This estimate reflects salaries for a six-month period and a county fringe benefit

contribution rate of 23.2%. In fiscal 2012 and thereafter, county personnel expenditures for the State's Attorney would increase by at least \$30,184 annually.

Funding for the Prince George's County State's Attorney Office totals \$12.9 million in fiscal 2008, of which \$9.1 million is for compensation, \$2.3 million for fringe benefits, and \$1.5 million for operating expenses.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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